



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Section	3	Additional physical plant requirements for early childhood programs (N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.3)	

§10:122-5.3 Additional physical plant requirements for early childhood programs

(a) For early childhood programs, the following shall apply:

1. All electrical outlets that are accessible to the children shall have protective covers.
2. All lally columns in areas used by the children shall have protective padding placed around them from the floor to a height of at least 48 inches.
3. Crawl spaces, attic spaces, and all doors and windows used for natural ventilation shall be provided with insect screening.
4. A supply of hot tap water not exceeding 110 degrees Fahrenheit and cold running water shall be provided.
5. Toilet facility requirements are as follows:
 - i. The minimum number of toilets and sinks required in the center shall be determined as specified in the Plumbing Subcode of the NJUCC.
 - ii. At least one toilet facility and sink shall be located on each floor level used by children in centers that begin operating after March 21, 2005.
6. Kitchen facility requirements are as follows:
 - i. The kitchen facility and/or food preparation area shall be separated from other areas of the center by a door, gate, screen or other barrier to prevent accidental access by children.
 - ii. The kitchen may be used for children's program cooking activities only when it is not being used for preparation of meals for consumption by enrolled children.

7. Outdoor space requirements for children over the age of 10 months are as follows:

- i. For children in attendance for three or more consecutive hours, existing center(s) shall provide a minimum of 150 square feet of net outdoor space. When more than five children are using such a space at one time, there shall be 30 square feet of net outdoor space for each additional child in addition to the required minimum of 150 square feet. New and relocating centers licensed on or after September 1, 2013, shall provide a minimum of 350 square feet of net outdoor space. When more than 10 children are using such a space at one time, there shall be an additional 35 square feet of net outdoor space for each additional child in addition to the required minimum of